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by the inhabitants of Vedakkangara and Kuruva amsams of Walluvanad taluk requesting for the opening of a rural dispensary at Makkaraparamba ; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The District Medical Officer, Malabar, received the memorandum and forwarded it to the President, District Board, Malabar, recommending the opening of a regular local fund dispensary at the place.

" (*b*) If and when proposals are received from the Malabar District Board the Government will take necessary action in the matter."

Deepening of the channel and tank from Madur-Melakkar Dam

* 1242 *Q.*—Sri V. ARUMUGHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the Government have given any instructions to deepen the channel and the tank from the Madur-Melakkar Dam to Vellur kasba?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" No."

Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course

* 1243 *Q.*—Sri M. JAGANNATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sanctioned strength for admission to the Veterinary and Livestock Inspectors' Course for the year 1953–54 in the Madras Veterinary College;

(*b*) whether any seats were reserved for Harijan candidates; and

(*c*) how many of them were availed of?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government ordered the discontinuance of the Veterinary and Livestock Inspector's Course in the Madras Veterinary College from the academic year 1953–54.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The questions do not arise."

Polling stations in South Arcot during the district board election

* 1244 *Q.*—Sri M. VENUGOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many polling stations were arranged in South Arcot district during the last district board election;

(*b*) whether there were separate booths for men and women; and

(*c*) if so, how many were provided for women?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) The number of polling stations opened in the South Arcot district for the last district board elections was 819.

" (*b*) No, Sir.

" (*c*) Does not arise."

Eviction of poor persons from Government poramboke lands

* 1245 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government have ordered eviction of certain landless poor who have occupied Government poramboke lands on the sides of Varodu-Murikampatta road in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" No, Sir."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, certain poor people residing by the side of the Varodu-Murikampatta road were evicted by the Government and their household utensils were attached and taken away for alleged attachment. The Hon. the Minister for Revenue has stated in his reply that there were no such instances. I do not know why such false information is being given. Will the Government be pleased to make further enquiries and see that the poor people are not harassed by either being evicted or their properties being attached? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Sir, the question was whether any landless poor were evicted and the answer was ' No '. No landless poor people were evicted. There were certain well-to-do landlords and even they were not evicted. Merely notices were sent and they of their own accord removed the encroachments."

Admission to Flaying School in the Veterinary College

* 1246 *Q.*—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of students admitted for training in the Flaying School in the Madras Veterinary College during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Forty-eight students were admitted for training in the Flaying School attached to the Madras Veterinary College during 1953–54."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Sir, may I know what the particular training given by the Flaying School is? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Removal of skins from bodies of animals as soon as they are dead is called flaying and that requires a particular training. Several persons from butchers have already taken to their training and reverted back to their employment."